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**RECEIPT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

Dear Ms. Fresco:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your July 19, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. You requested copies of the following:

“Studies, reports, memos, meetings minutes, test records, feasibility studies, and other records related to Projects Rumpler, Bayonet, Lek, Bayonet and Lek, and Sopwith all of which are identified as “EPW (Earth Penetrating Weapon) Developmental Programs” conducted as part of a “Sandia/Los Alamos EPW Program Historical Perspective of Accomplishments” discussion included as part of a presentation about Earth Penetrating Weapons in the document previously available on the DOE Online Reading Room at the following link:

<http://nnsa.energy.gov/sites/default/files/nnsa/foiareadingroom/RR00275.pdf>”

Your request was received by the NNSA on July 22, 2019.

It is the practice of the National Nuclear Security Administration, in accordance with Departmental policy, to process FOIA requests in the approximate order of the date received by this office. We will make every effort to respond to your request as quickly as possible. Although we are committed to responding to your request in a timely manner, we estimate that we will not be able to respond to your request in 20 working days. We need more time to complete the search of facilities geographically separated from this office, review the record(s) for release, and prepare the response to you, as some requests, depending upon the volume of records, the complexity of the search, and/or the sensitivity of the subject matter, require additional time to complete. Reformulating or otherwise narrowing the scope of your request may result in a quicker processing time.

In your FOIA request, you identified yourself in the educational/scientific category for fee purposes. Pursuant to 10 CFR § 1004.2(c) we are requesting additional information in order to determine your fee category. Please provide an explanation to us regarding the intended use of the records you are requesting. If we do not receive a response regarding your intended use of the records by August 1, 2019, we will consider your request withdrawn and will close it with no further action.

You may also contact NNSA's FOIA Public Liaison, at 1-866-747-5994, or by mail at Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, for further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you have questions concerning the processing of this request, please contact me by e-mail at [Erica.White@nnsa.doe.gov](mailto:Erica.White@nnsa.doe.gov), or write to the address above. Please reference Control Number FOIA 19-00281-EW in your communication.

Sincerely,



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